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SUBJ: UAE PROMISES AID GUINEA-BISSAU, TANZANIA AND
TUNISIA

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS,
ABU DHABI HAS SEEN SUCCESSION OF FOREIGN VISITORS, ALL SEEKING
AID, WITH MORE TO COME. AS IN PAST UAE REPONSE APPEARS BE
GENEROUS, BUT QUESTION BEGINNING ARISE AS TO WHEN BOTTOM OF AID
BARREL WILL BE REACHED. END SUMMARY

2. FIRST IN LINE OF FOREIGN VISITORS HOPING BENEFIT FROM UAE LARGE
WAS GUINEA-BISSAU FOREIGN MINISTER, VICTOR MARIO, WHO ARRIVED
ABU DHABI DEC. 5. MARIO WAS HOSTED THROUGH USUAL
ROUND OF CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS BY UAE COUNTERPART, AHMED
SUWAIDI. AT AIRPORT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DEC 9, MARIO AND
SUWAIDI SIGNED AGREEMENT IN WHICH UAE PLEDGED ECONOMIC
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ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU (DETAILS NOT SPECIFIED). SUWAIDI

ALSO NOTED THAT UAE HAD SUPPORTED PEOPLE OF GUINEA-BISSAU DURING THEIR INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND WOULD CONTINUE AID NEW NATION AS WELL AS OTHER STATES OF AFRICA.

3. HALF HOUR AFTER MARIO LEFT, TANZANIAN VICE PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE ARRIVED. HE WAS HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AND HIS SERIES OF CALLS INCLUDED SESSION WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID DURING WHICH JUMBE REPORTEDLY DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE. JUMBE MADE POINT OF PUBLICLY SUPPORT ARAB CAUSE VERSUS ISRAEL, NOTING THAT TANZANIA HAD BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LATTER OUT OF CONVICTION AND THAT THEY WOULD NEVER BE RESUMED. JUMBE VISIT CONCLUDED DEC 12 WITH PRESS AGAIN ANNOUNCING SIGNING OF AGREEMENT IN WHICH UAE COMMITTED ITSELF IN PRINCIPLE PARTICIPATE IN TANZANIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. TANZANIAN DELEGATION TO VISIT UAE IN JANUARY WORK OUT IMPLEMENTING DETAILS.

4. LATEST OF VISITORS WAS TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HABIB CHATTI, HERE FROM DEC. 15-18. THIS VISIT WAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IN THAT IT WAS FOLLOW-ON TO DISCUSSIONS HELD IN TUNIS LAST AUGUST DURING ZAYID'S VISIT. LOCAL PRESS DECEMBER 19 REPORTED THAT IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT ABU DHABI FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD GRANT TUNISIA A LOAN OF \$8.8 MILLION OF WHICH \$3.5 MILLION WOULD BE FOR PURCHASE OF 30 RAILROAD WAGONS AND \$5 MILLION FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT AND TOURIST PROJECTS. TUNISIA WILL REPORTEDLY SUPPLY NURSES AND OTHER SKILLED PERSONNEL TO WORK IN UAE. PRESS REPORTS THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHMENT COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR MENTIONED TO US THAT TALKS ALSO DEALT WITH SEVERAL JOINT ENTERPRISES--POSSIBLY WITH SAUDI ARABIA AS WELL--FOR COOPERATION IN OMAN.

5. COMMENT: UAE APPARENTLY CONTINUING PATTERN OF RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO SUPPLICANTS FOR ASSISTANCE, EVEN FROM NON-ARAB STATES AS IN TWO OF LATEST INSTANCES. IT IS INTERESTING, HOWEVER, TO CONTRAST SOMEWHAT VAGUE NATURE THESE TWO COMMITMENTS TO SIGNED LOAN GIVEN THEIR IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR, NIMEIRI OF ARAB SUDAN (REFTELS). (FOR KHARTOUM: RE REF B, RELIABLE SOURCE IN MIN FIANCE HERE TELLS US LOAN TO NIMEIRI WAS FIRM FOR \$20 MILLION AND MIGHT--PERHAPS LIKELY--LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GO AS HIGH AS \$50 MILLION, ALL THIS ON SOFT TERMS WITHOUT STRINGS.) EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, CASH WILL PRESUMABLY FLOW TO GUINEA-BISSAU AND TANZANIA AS WELL. QUESTION IS HOW LONG CAN THIS GO ON. BRITISH EMBASSY HERE ESTIMATES FOREIGN AID COMMITMENTS FOR DISBURSEMENT THIS YEAR HAVE RISEN ABOVE \$800 MILLION, A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF ABU DHABI ESTIMATED \$3.5 BILLION REVENUE. EVEN ABU DHABI HAS LIMIT TO ITS RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY WITH LOCAL EXPENDITURES RISING RAPIDLY, AND THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THIS

LIMIT BEING APPROACHED. LATECOMERS (SUCH AS MAJIBUR RAHMAN
ARRIVING DECEMBER 18) MAY FIND THAT SHAIKH ZAYID'S LARGESS IS
TIGHTENING UP SOMEWHAT, OR THAT MONIES PROMISED WILL NOT BE
IMMEDIATELY PAID. AT LEAST, SO FAR, THERE IS NO RECYCLING PROBLEM
IN ABU DHABI.
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